



HENRY HAGG LAKE

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Begins Resource Management Plan for Henry Hagg Lake

What is the Purpose of the RMP?

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has started to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Henry Hagg Lake and surrounding Scoggins Valley Park, located in Washington County (WACO) 25 miles southwest of Portland. Scoggins Valley Park is one of the metropolitan area's most popular recreational boating destinations. The RMP is being developed to provide Reclamation and WACO with a blueprint for the future use, management, and site development of the lake over the next ten years. The RMP will confirm existing or identify new goals and objectives for resource management, specify desired land and resource use patterns, and explain the policies and actions that will be implemented during the 10-year life of the plan to achieve those goals and objectives.

The RMP process will take approximately two years to complete and will be finished in December 2003. This amount of time is needed so that all stakeholders, including the general public, have ample opportunity to express their interests, concerns, and viewpoints, and to comment on the RMP as it develops. Management of Henry Hagg Lake and its resources affects all of you in different ways, and it is therefore essential to

incorporate stakeholder input into the development of the RMP.



Henry Hagg Lake during Summer/Fall 2001.

In preparing the RMP, Reclamation will explore a range of possible alternative management approaches, and identify a proposed plan as the intended course of action. In addition, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that Reclamation examine the potential environmental effects of implementing the actions identified in the RMP.

Henry Hagg Lake was constructed in the 1970's to provide irrigation service for the Tualatin Valley, municipal and industrial water supply for eight communities, as well as flood control and recreation opportunities. With a

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PUBLIC MEETING/ WORKSHOP

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surface area of 1,113 acres, the lake has a capacity of 60,000 acre-feet. The lake and surrounding park are owned by Reclamation and operated and maintained by WACO, Reclamation's managing partner. The park features many day use picnic areas, two boat launches, a fishing pier, and several miles of trails. A majority of these facilities, including a 520-foot hiking and wildlife-viewing trail, are accessible to the people with disabilities.

The lake is an important recreation resource in the region, both for local residents as well as those from the Portland metropolitan area. As the region continues to grow, Reclamation expects that more and more people will utilize the area. This increasing recreation use, and the potential conflicts among recreation, aesthetic, and natural resources, is an important reason for preparing a management plan for the area's resources.

Key Planning Issues Identified to Date

The RMP will address all activities occurring on Reclamation lands surrounding the lake. Reclamation water operations are based on a number of contractual obligations, such as for irrigation and flood control. Because of these contractual constraints, water operations are not part of the RMP.

However, the Water Supply Feasibility Study and associated environmental impact statement, a study separate from the RMP, is currently underway to evaluate water supply alternatives for the basin. The Feasibility Study is being completed to plan how to meet future water-use demands for river flow restoration, municipal/industrial needs, and agricultural irrigation. As one alternative, the study will explore the possibility of increasing

water storage capacity at the Henry Hagg Lake. The Feasibility Study is a separate effort from the RMP as each study has very different purposes. However, the RMP team and the Feasibility Study Team are communicating with each other to avoid duplicating efforts and to stay apprised of each other's progress.

Based on current conditions at Henry Hagg Lake, Reclamation has identified several issues that need to be addressed by the RMP. Listed below are several of the key issues identified to date. Dialog with the stakeholders will no doubt reveal more issues. The attached Mail-In Response Form provides space for you to comment on or add to this list. It also requests your views regarding the priority of these issues.

Preliminary List of Issues (not in any priority order)

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| 1. Potential fire danger | 10. Threatened and endangered species (particularly listed anadromous species, potentially Nelson's checker mallow) | 26. Adequacy of accessibility of facilities for disabled persons |
| 2. Potential Camping (carrying capacity study shows demand for this use) | 11. Uses of county road (potential conflicts regarding use for biking, horseback riding, and running) | 27. Wildlife/human interaction and potential conflicts |
| 3. Security related to potential camping | 20. Natural resource interpretative signage | 28. Hunting & firearms (not allowed in park but may occur due to trespass) |
| 4. Potential Tualatin Education Center/PSU Facility at the lake | 21. Concessionaires (feasibility, location, type) | 29. Water related issues (quality, supply, groundwater, waste water) |
| 5. RMP and the separate Water Supply Feasibility Study (communication and coordination) | 22. Potential non-motorized boat launch | 30. Noxious weed control |
| 6. Funding of RMP programs/facilities and implementation feasibility (phasing, flexibility) | 23. Resident vs. non-native fish | 31. Landslide areas/road conditions |
| 7. Elk meadows (need, use) | 24. Adequacy of facilities for boat and bank fishing | 32. Need for bilingual signs/pamphlets |
| 8. Eagle foraging/perching | 25. Special events (coordination, impacts to other uses/environments) | 33. Season of use (extension and subsequent monitoring) |
| 9. Waterfowl wintering/nesting habitat | | |

Planning Process Schedule and Workplan

As shown in the diagram below, the first stage of the process is to identify key issues to be addressed by the RMP. Future and/or ongoing phases of the process include a resource inventory and evaluation; resource-specific analyses; formulation of goals and objectives; development of plans, policies, and guidelines; and preparation of draft and final documents for public and agency review.

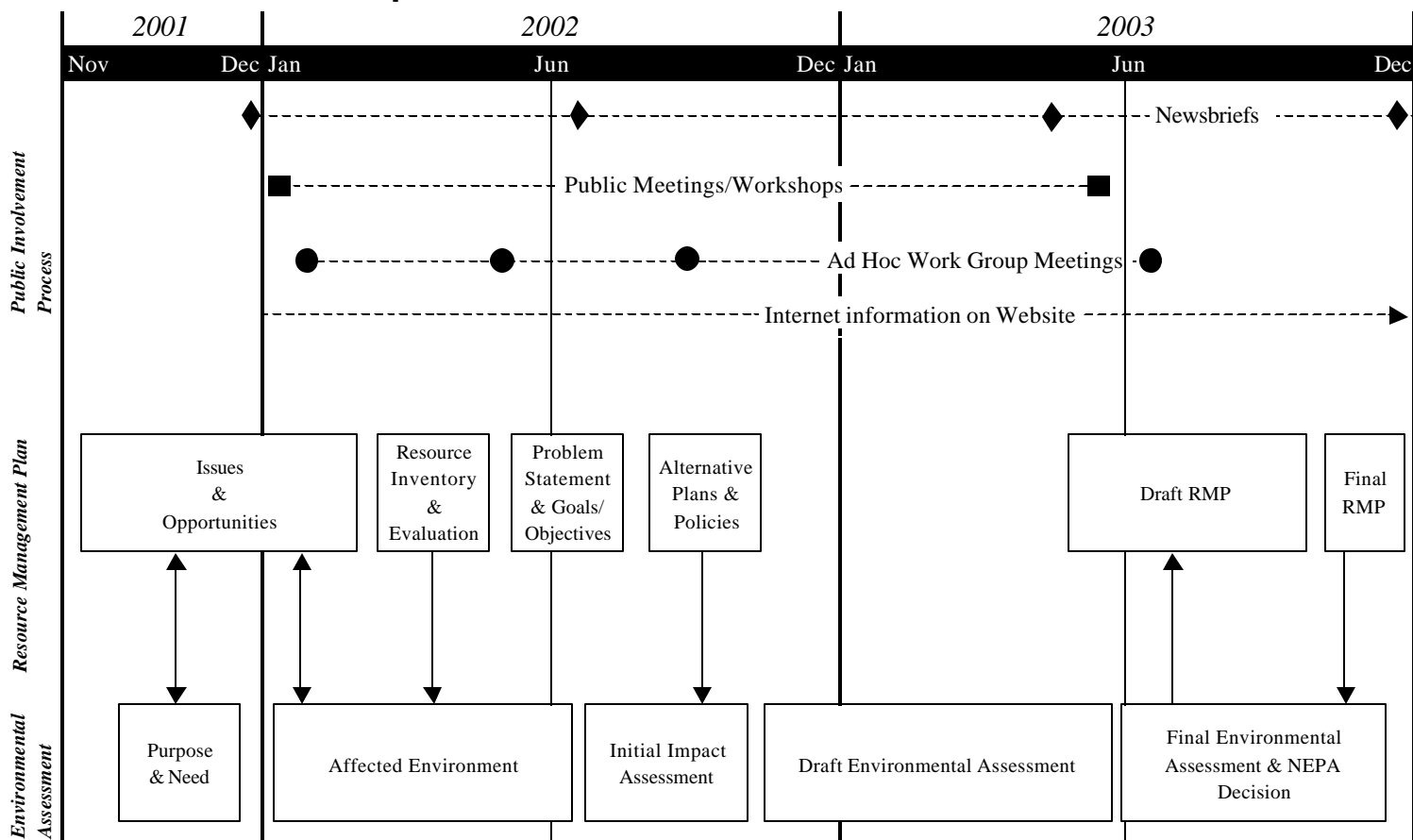
Beginning in May of 2002, the planning effort will turn to assessing alternative management approaches, developing policies aimed at addressing identified issues, and achieving the goals and objectives of the plan. Ultimately, a proposed plan will evolve from the efforts of the Planning Team and from input by the Ad Hoc Work Group and the general public through the Public Involvement Program. The final RMP is targeted for completion in December 2003.

The Environmental Assessment or EA will be prepared in parallel with the RMP and public involvement program. In fact, as shown on the diagram, all three processes are interrelated. Information from the public involvement program and RMP process will be used as the foundation to prepare the EA; the EA will provide a feedback mechanism for the RMP and to the public for review purposes.



A bicyclist enjoys a single-track trail at Scoggins Valley Park.

Schedule and Workplan



Public Involvement Program

To integrate the broad spectrum of public interests involved in planning for Henry Hagg Lake, Reclamation has organized an extensive public involvement program. The goal of public involvement is to reach as many of you as possible and to encourage active participation by all interested stakeholders. Public opinions are very important in this process, and your input is needed to make meaningful decisions and build informed consent on a proposed plan. To achieve this goal, Reclamation has designed a public involvement program that includes:

- Newsbriefs (like this one)
- Public meetings/workshops
- an Ad Hoc Work Group
- a project website on the Internet



The fishing pier at Recreation Area "C" during a period of extremely low water.

Newsbriefs

Reclamation will prepare several Newsbriefs during the project, with this being the first. The purpose of this first Newsbrief is to introduce the project, explain the public involvement program, and identify the initial list of issues. Initial input by return mail is also requested in the enclosed Mail-in Response Form. Future Newsbriefs will summarize results of the resource inventory studies and analyses, and identify the full range of issues that the RMP will address; describe the goals, objectives, and criteria to be used in developing alternatives, and illustrate and describe the alternative courses of action considered in the RMP; and

present the substance of and rationale behind the proposed plan and other components of the RMP.

Public Meetings/Workshops

Reclamation will host two public meetings/workshops over the course of the project, to be held in the Forest Grove area. The meetings are intended to obtain public input into the planning process and, as the studies proceed, to share the results. The first meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2002. For more information on the meeting time and location, see the last page of this Newsbrief. The goals of the first meeting are to: (1) introduce the RMP process; (2) identify issues to be addressed by the RMP; and (3) obtain scoping input for the Environmental Assessment (EA), the environmental report being prepared on the RMP.

The second public meeting (tentatively scheduled for May 2003) will focus on describing and obtaining commentary on the Draft EA, including the preferred alternative. Comments received at that meeting will be used to finalize the EA and RMP. More information about future meetings will be included in future issues of the Newsbriefs.

Ad Hoc Work Group

Reclamation is inviting the participation of representative stakeholders by organizing an Ad Hoc Work Group for the project. This Work Group will include representatives from key interest groups, jurisdictions, and agencies with a significant interest in the future management and use of Henry Hagg Lake and Scoggins Valley Park. The Work Group will work interactively with Reclamation's Planning Team over the course of the project, assisting in defining issues and providing input regarding the development of goals and objectives, policy and plan options, and assessing alternative plans. The Work Group will also provide valuable input related to the final proposed plan.

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Mail-In Response Form

If you do not plan on attending the first public meeting, or would like to respond to us in writing, please consider answering the questions below and mailing back this page of the Newsbrief. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

1. Do you: *(Please check all boxes that apply)*

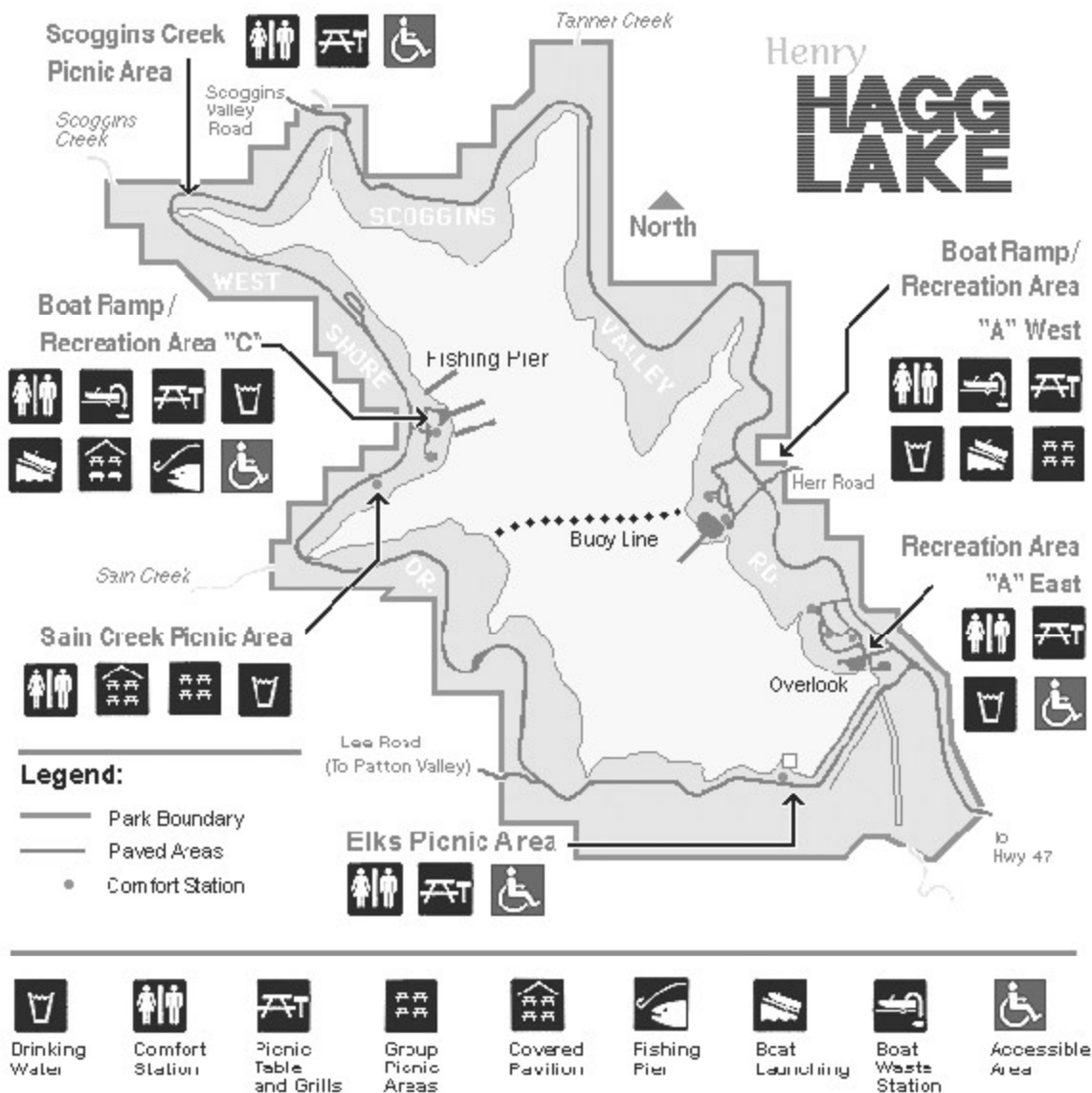
- ☐ Reside in Washington County
- ☐ Reside elsewhere but within a 1.5-hour drive of Scoggins Valley Park
- ☐ Reside more than a 1.5-hour drive from Scoggins Valley Park

2. What is your zip code? _____

3. What recreation activities do you participate in at the park? *(Please check all boxes that apply)* What is your primary activity? *(Please circle letter that applies)*

- ☐ A. Sightseeing
- ☐ B. Fishing from boat
- ☐ C. Fishing from shore
- ☐ D. Swimming/sunbathing
- ☐ E. Power boating/waterskiing
- ☐ F. Sailing/windsurfing
- ☐ G. Canoeing/kayaking
- ☐ H. Picnicking
- ☐ I. Hiking
- ☐ J. Bicycling
- ☐ K. Other *(please specify)* _____

Please circle your 3 favorite sites to recreate at Henry Hagg Lake. Number each circled site in order of preference.



4. Why do you enjoy living near/visiting the area? (*please check all boxes that apply*)

- ☐ Have friends and relatives in the area
- ☐ Recreation opportunities
- ☐ Scenery
- ☐ Fish and wildlife
- ☐ Rural character
- ☐ Developed facilities/services
- ☐ Inexpensive
- ☐ Other (*please specify*)

5. Using the preliminary list of issues shown on page 2 as a guide, please list the issues that are of the greatest concern to you and number them in order of importance (1 being most important). If there are other issues not listed that you feel are important, please include them below.

6. Do you plan to attend the public meeting scheduled for January 17, 2002?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Do you want to remain on the mailing list to receive subsequent Newsbriefs for this project? (In either case, please provide and/or confirm your name and address)

- ☐ yes ☐ no

8. Is there anyone else you know who would like to be on the mailing list? Please add their names and addresses.

Question responses and letters should be mailed to Carolyn Burpee Stone, Reclamation's project manager, at the address shown below. This page should be folded in thirds and taped closed. Be sure Reclamation's address is on the outside.

Thank you for your time and interest!

Please Return by January 11, 2002

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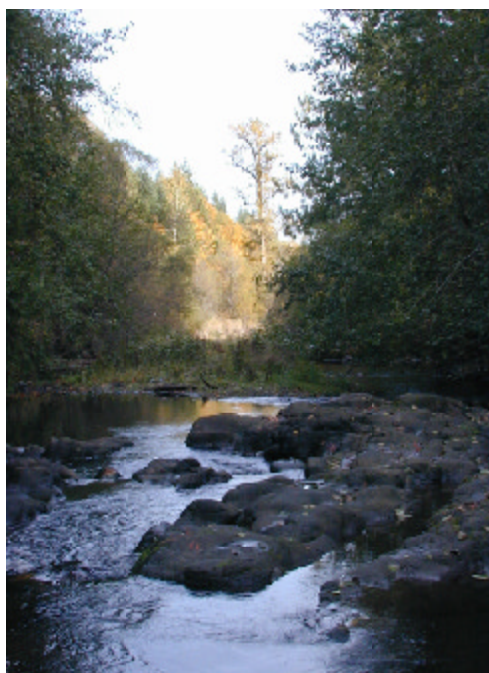
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Public Involvement Program (cont'd)

The Work Group is currently being formed. Reclamation hopes to hold the first Work Group meeting in February 2002, with about three more meetings scheduled over the course of the project. A preliminary list of potential Work Group members is provided below.

- Tualatin Valley Irrigation District
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Washington County, Board of Commissioners



The creek at Scoggins Creek Picnic Area

- Washington County, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Washington County, Scoggins Valley Park
- Washington County, Sheriff's Office, Marine Patrol
- Northwest Education Services District
- Portland State University
- Clean Water Services
- PUMP (bicycle group)
- Tualatin River Watershed Council
- City of Gaston, Fire Department
- Trout Unlimited
- Citizen Participation Organization
- Grand Ronde Tribe
- Mazamas (hiking group)
- Adjacent Landowner Representative

Website

To increase public access to information about the Henry Hagg Lake RMP process, Reclamation is designing a project website, accessible via the Internet. Electronic mail (e-mail) and the World Wide Web (WWW) are preferred methods of communication for many public agencies, interest groups, businesses, and a growing percentage of the general public. Information posted on the websites will include meeting announcements, project information, and feedback mechanisms to receive public input (such as an electronic version of the response form contained in this Newsbrief). The RMP website can be accessed through Reclamation's Pacific Northwest website at the following address: www.pn.usbr.gov.

The Planning Team

Preparing the RMP will involve an interdisciplinary Planning Team of outdoor recreation planners, natural resource specialists, biologists, landscape architects, and environmental planners. Reclamation will oversee the RMP process, and has contracted with EDAW, Inc., a long-established land planning firm with previous experience with RMP preparation for lakes and reservoirs to provide specialized support for the planning effort. John Petrovsky Associates, who has designed and conducted a number of public involvement programs, will assist EDAW in this capacity.



The Planning Team tours the park and begins collecting data and understanding the issues.

**Public Meeting/
Workshop**

**You are invited to a Public Meeting/Workshop to initiate
planning on the Henry Hagg Lake RMP.**

Reclamation is holding a public meeting to “kick-off” the RMP, introduce the RMP planning process, and solicit public input. Following are some details regarding the meeting:

Date: **January 17, 2002**

Time: **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Location: **NW Regional Education Service District
5825 NE Ray Circle
Washington Room
Hillsboro, Oregon**

This location was selected in part because of the facilities’ accessibility to people with disabilities as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Interested persons needing special assistance in this regard should contact Connie Wensman, Regional Office Accessibility Coordinator at (208) 378-5317 at least one week before the scheduled meeting so that arrangements can be made. TTYTDD # 1-800-833-6388.



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